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vii) Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur	Rs. 0.01 crore	Included in the Railway Budget, 2008-09. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates, etc. have been taken up.

Necessary funds have been provided for various projects keeping in view availability of resources and priority of project.

Railway line from Jammu to Kashmir

917. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending before Government for new railway line from Jammu to Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A 54.85 kms. long rail line from Jammu to Udhampur has already been commissioned. A 292 kms. long rail line from Udhampur to Baramulla *via* Srinagar has also been taken up and has been partly commissioned from Anantnag to Rajwansher.

Track renewal

918. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of laying one kilometre rail line in India compared to other neighbouring countries;

(b) the length of the old rail line identified for immediate track renewal in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;

(c) the total cost likely to be incurred thereon and allocation made during 2008-09; and

(d) the time by when the renewal of rail lines is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Cost of laying one kilometre new rail line is approx. Rs. 5 crore. However, this may vary with the type of terrain. No such data regarding cost in neighbouring countries is maintained.

(b) Track renewal is a continuous activity and as soon as track becomes due for renewal, it is processed for sanction. 3759 Km of Complete Track Renewal (CTR unit) have been identified for track renewal for the year 2008-09. The figures of State-wise are not maintained. Zone- wise figures are as under: